

AQUEDUCT IN ALUR VILLAGE—MAINTENANCE OF

245. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): With reference to question No. 318, dated 2nd April 1941, will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether the irrigation channels referred to were not opened by Government;
- (b) the average width and depth of the channels when opened by Government;
- (c) whether the channels should not be maintained of the same width and depth to obtain the full benefit of the aqueduct constructed by Government;
- (d) what is the present average width and depth of the channels; and
- (e) what will be the annual cost of maintaining the channels?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The records giving the figures are not available. It was not being maintained by Government.
- (c) Yes, within limits.
- (d) The width of the channel now is on an average 6 ft. and the depth 1' to 1'-6" below the adjacent field level.
- (e) The annual cost of maintaining the channels will be Rs. 100 approximately.

246. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Will Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 319, dated 2nd April 1941.

- (a) whether the date convenient to the Chief Engineer to visit the place be sufficiently early communicated to the President of the meeting so that the ryots may get an opportunity to bring to his personal attention their grievances;
- (b) if not, what is the reason for not doing so;
- (c) how long the season during which the aqueduct will be needed will generally last starting from the middle of August?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(a) The Chief Engineer has already inspected the place and met the ryots and he will be going over to the locality again after the repairs to the aqueduct are over.

(b) See answer to (a).

(c) Water supply to the *Mundakan* crops will be needed till about the 10th Dhanu.

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MAHARAJA'S HOSPITAL, PALLURUTHI—CONDITION OF ADJACENT CANAL

247. Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

what is the present condition of the Canal on the northern side of the Hospital?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The condition of the Canal is not satisfactory. Action is being taken to improve it in 1117.

CENTRAL JAIL—WATER SUPPLY—INSUFFICIENCY OF

248. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the average number of prisoners in the Central Jail;

(b) the capacity of the water tank there; and

(c) whether there are complaints of the insufficiency of water supply?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(a) 401 for the last four months.

(b) 400 gallons.

(c) Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): How long is it that they have been receiving complaints of the insufficiency of water in the jail?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I know they have been receiving complaints for the last one year. I do not know whether they have been receiving complaints before that.